

AOS 580 AEROSOL, CLOUD AND CLIMATE

Lecture 8: Aerosol Microphysics (Instructor: Yi Ming)

Reading

SP (1st ed.) 545-555, 656-664

Class notes

1. Spatial scales in atmospheric science: where does microphysics fit in?
2. Nucleation
 - Definition
 - Homogeneous vs. heterogeneous nucleation
 - Homomolecular vs. heteromolecular nucleation
 - Supersaturation
 - Concept of critical clusters
 - Derivation of classical nucleation theory
 - Capillarity approximation
3. Coagulation
 - Definition
 - Conceptual model
 - Derivation of rate constants